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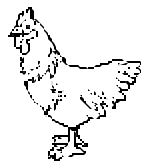
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair with slightly better movement where features were active. Food service was light to fairly good, strongest for fast food. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available at discounted levels. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair with attractive pricing present. Wings were fully sufficient to ample and slowly moving, and the remaining parts were more than adequate for scarce needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 63.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.75 cents last year on January 31, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.00
BREASTS - B/S	129.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	60.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00
LEG QUARTERS	28.00
WINGS	91.50

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WESTERN Trade sentiments generally steady for regular commitments with new negotiations barely steady on heavy weights and light weights steady to fully steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall. Buying interest focused on regular commitments. Demand by stores and restaurants moderate to fairly good, best for parts. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment was mixed on parts with bone-in breasts in the strongest position.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light to no better than fair during midweek trading as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate and available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were at least adequate and boneless-skinless breasts were available. Legs and leg quarters were more than adequate and wings were ample.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings of additional product ample on Wogs of all weights. Retail demand was slow to fair at best, mostly slow with best movement on features items. Food service product movement was light to instances fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were mostly desirable. Trading on parts items continues very slow. Supplies of wings and boneless/skinless breasts were plentiful with dark meat items available. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts and wings with all other items cautiously steady.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was slow and disappointing to fair with few trades. Supplies were more than sufficient for limited needs. In the parts structure, trading was light. Wings continued fully adequate to ample and difficult to move, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 01/26/02	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	183,590	177,434	+03
CHICKS PLACED	148,210	143,929	+03
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	205,396	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	167,118	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 26, 2002. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 26, 2002. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through January 26, 2002 were 594 million, up 4 percent the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 26, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 26, 2002.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 09-Mar-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 149.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.91 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 30, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	818	107.00-175.00	120-125	124.32
TENDERLOINS	102	105.00-190.00	105-110	132.06
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	58.00-63.00	58-60	58.56
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	122	36.00-47.00	36-38	37.20
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	431	23.00-27.00	23-24	23.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	25.00-29.50	26-28	26.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	83.00-95.00	91-93	93.18
WINGS (CUT)	448	100.00-115.00	100-103	103.91
DRUMSTICKS	101	45.00-49.50	-	47.79
THIGHS	26	47.00-51.00	-	50.08
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	763	107.00-175.00	120-125	125.09
TENDERLOINS	144	105.00-190.00	105-110	125.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	58.00-64.00	58-61	58.68
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	36.00-47.00	36-38	36.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	23.00-27.00	23-24	23.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,240	22.50-29.00	26-27	26.67
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	82.00-93.00	-	91.63
WINGS (CUT)	443	99.00-115.00	99-103	103.64
DRUMSTICKS	66	47.00-49.50	-	49.27
THIGHS	26	47.00-51.00	-	50.08
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.50 - 45.00	41.80	40.75 - 45.00	42.16	41.68

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity ranged light to no better than fair during midweek trading as dealers kept floorstocks in close balance with the lackluster demand. Offerings of bone-in breasts were at least adequate and boneless skinless breasts were available. Legs and leg quarters were sufficient. Wings were ample and discounted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was weak on wings, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	119.87	376,810
TENDERLOINS	100	104.09	87,279
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	64.47	167,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	56.77	204,280
LEGS	38-39	39.51	151,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.21	842,687
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	37.35	220,470
THIGHS	28-29	36.59	106,030
B/S THIGHS	85-86	84.53	60,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	93.82	377,500
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	33,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.95	9,065
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	56.01	30,350

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	123.37	310,910
TENDERLOINS	100	105.64	50,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	64.44	210,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	58.00	191,200
LEGS	38-39	42.87	119,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.99	332,802
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.31	86,680
THIGHS	28-29	34.85	97,800
B/S THIGHS	85-86	86.70	57,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	86-87	96.04	245,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.78	44,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.81	13,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	48.13	35,000

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/30	01/29	01/28	01/25	01/23
ALA	3,929	4,095	4,051	4,489	5.03
ARK	5,248	5,286	5,169	5,284	5.04
DELMARVA	2,357	2,206	2,272	2,094	5.24
KY-LA-TN	2,103	1,993	1,801	2,287	4.64
MISS	2,745	2,743	2,746	2,684	5.30
NC	2,658	2,707	2,591	3,269	6.12
TEXAS	2,363	2,377	2,036	1,869	4.86
TOTAL	21,403	21,407	20,666	21,976	5.18
MON-WED 64,243 (A)					5.06
					20,757
					5.04
					56,816 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jan 02 and is estimated to be 32,021,000 up 2.80 percent from a week ago and up 8.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,148,000; last year 29,513,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK
FRESH FRYERS	93-94	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-113	113
HENS OVER 5#	94-98	94-98
DUCKS	152-166	

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING FEB 2-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/02/02 (1)	01/26/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	158,969 (2)	151,760
LT HENS	2,173	1,935
HVY HENS	1,362	1,342
CHECK TOTAL	162,504	155,037

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Feb-02 is 157.4 million head compared to 151.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.3 million head or 1.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Feb-02 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 28-Jan-02	107,465	61,158
AM 1-Jan-02	77,538	71,974
CHG	29,927	-10,816
PCT CHG	39	-15

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/28/02	01/21/02	01/29/01	01/28/02	01/21/02	01/29/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	5,329	5,258	4,707	3,490	3,529	5,764
LOS						
ANGELES	177	125	121	2,085	2,063	2,074

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2002

	RANGE		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58	60	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60	69	
HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 1/29/02			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.15	.85
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.70	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.45	1.21
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.40	.95	.69
DUCKS lb.	1.25	1.80	1.51
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.65	1.26
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 135

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 25, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings
RAYON				
Low	44.75	129.26	79.55	19.89
High	59.66	139.21	89.49	24.86
Mostly	54.69	139.21	89.49	19.89
SAN JUAN				
Low	58.67	134.24	79.55	34.80
High	61.65	139.21	89.49	39.77
Mostly	60.65	134.24	82.03	37.29
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	44.75	129.26	74.58	14.92
High	59.66	139.21	89.49	24.86
Mostly	54.69	129.26	79.55	19.89
BECERRA				
Low	55.68	124.29	84.52	29.83
High	62.15	134.24	94.46	34.80
Mostly	61.65	129.26	89.49	32.32

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair and generally unaggressive. Seller offerings were at least adequate to readily available. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, wings were fully adequate to ample and slow in clearing. Other items ranged adequate to ample for the light and selective buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	47-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.42
NO. OF BOXES	9,388

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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